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SUBJ: NMFS BLUEFIN TUNA SPAWNING STUDIES ACROSS STRAITS OF
FLORIDA

REF: STATE 53488

1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL SUGGESTION, EMBASSY CONTACTED CLAUDE SMITH, WHOSE CORRECT TITLE IS DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE. GCOB FISHERIES OFFICER IS RICHARD BEALES. SMITH WAS AWARE IN GENERAL WAY OF NMFS BLUEFIN TUNA STUDIES. HE POINTED OUT THAT, ALTHOUGH HIS ADVICE IS OFTEN SOLICITED BY MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN CLEARANCE CASES ON TECHNICAL MERITS, FINAL DECISION IS TREATED AS DIPLOMATIC MATTER UNDER SOLE DISCRETION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. SMITH SAID HE COULD MAKE NO JUDGMENT ON MERITS OF SUBJECT REQUEST WITHOUT FURTHER DATA, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING GEOGRAPHICAL AREA TO BE COVERED. ONCE HE HAS RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION IN WRITING, HE WILL PURSUE MATTER. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT EMBASSY RECEIVE SUCH DATA ASAP.

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS IS SECOND OF TWO TARDY CLEARANCE REQUESTS CURRENTLY BEFORE GCOB FOR ACTION. FIRST WAS FORWARDED BY WOODS HOLE TO EMBASSY LAST WEEK, WITH EXPLANATION THAT IT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT SOME MONTHS AGO BUT THAT DEPARTMENT HAD NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION ON IT OR
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FORWARDED IT TO EMBASSY. IF WOODS HOLE EXPLANATION ACCURATE,

EMBASSY BELIEVES ITS REQUEST, FOR RESEARCH IN BAHAMIAN WATERS TO COMMENCE END OF MARCH, SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER NMFS REQUEST. EMBASSY WOULD NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE CHANCES FOR FAVORABLE GCOB ACTION ON FORMER BY SUBMISSION NOW OF LATTER REQUEST. EMBASSY HOPES IT WILL RECEIVE GCOB WOODS HOLE DECISION IN NEXT DAY OR SO, BEFORE INFORMATION RECEIVED FORMING BASIS OF FORMAL SUBMISSION OF NMFS REQUEST, BUT IF NOT, EMBASSY WILL WISH TO REVIEW MATTER AGAIN. EMBASSY SEES NO PROBLEM IN SUBMITTING CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR THAT PORTION OF NMFS RESEARCH COMMENCING MAY 20 AND THEREAFTER.

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